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ACQUISITION OF DSRV
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Navy is yet to have a Deep Submergence Rescue Vessel (DSRV) which is of vital importance to rescue the trapped personnel in the disabled submarines;

(b) if so, the reasons for not acquiring the submarine rescue kits so far; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to equip the Navy with DSRV?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): All Indian Navy submarines have the capability to allow escape of crew from about a depth of 120 meters, using escape suits. Submarines have rescue hatches, which are standard fit and are designed to mate with Deep Submergence Rescue Vessels (DSRVs)/diving bells. Action is being taken to acquire two DSRVs and Rescue Kits for the Navy.